

LESSON

A King, a Witch, a Devil

Sabbath

Do Do this week's activity on page 80.

Have there ever been times in your life when you were not sure what you should do? Whom did you go to for help? One thing for sure, it doesn't help to talk to someone who has already died. The Bible tells us the dead don't know anything. (See 1 Samuel 28:3-25; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 675-689.)

Sunday

Read Read "A King, a Witch, a Devil."

Do Write out the power text in large block letters on a sheet of paper. Cut out each word. Shuffle the words, then try to place them in the correct order. Do this several times, repeating the text out loud each time you get it in order.

Pray Thank God that He is always there for us when we turn to Him in humility and trust.

Three cloaked figures steal silently across the plain of Jezreel. It is near midnight. The sentries do not see these men of Israel as they sneak past the sleeping Philistine army. The moon casts eerie shadows as they climb the mountain ridge to the witch's cave at Endor.

ELEVEN

POWER POINT

Monday

Read Read 1 Samuel 28:3.

Notice God had given specific instructions concerning spirit mediums. Up to now, Saul had followed these instructions. Read them in Leviticus 19:31; Leviticus 20:6; Isaiah 8:19, 20.

Think How do you think these instructions relate to watching movies or TV about witches? Just because the programs are funny instead of scary, does that make it any better?

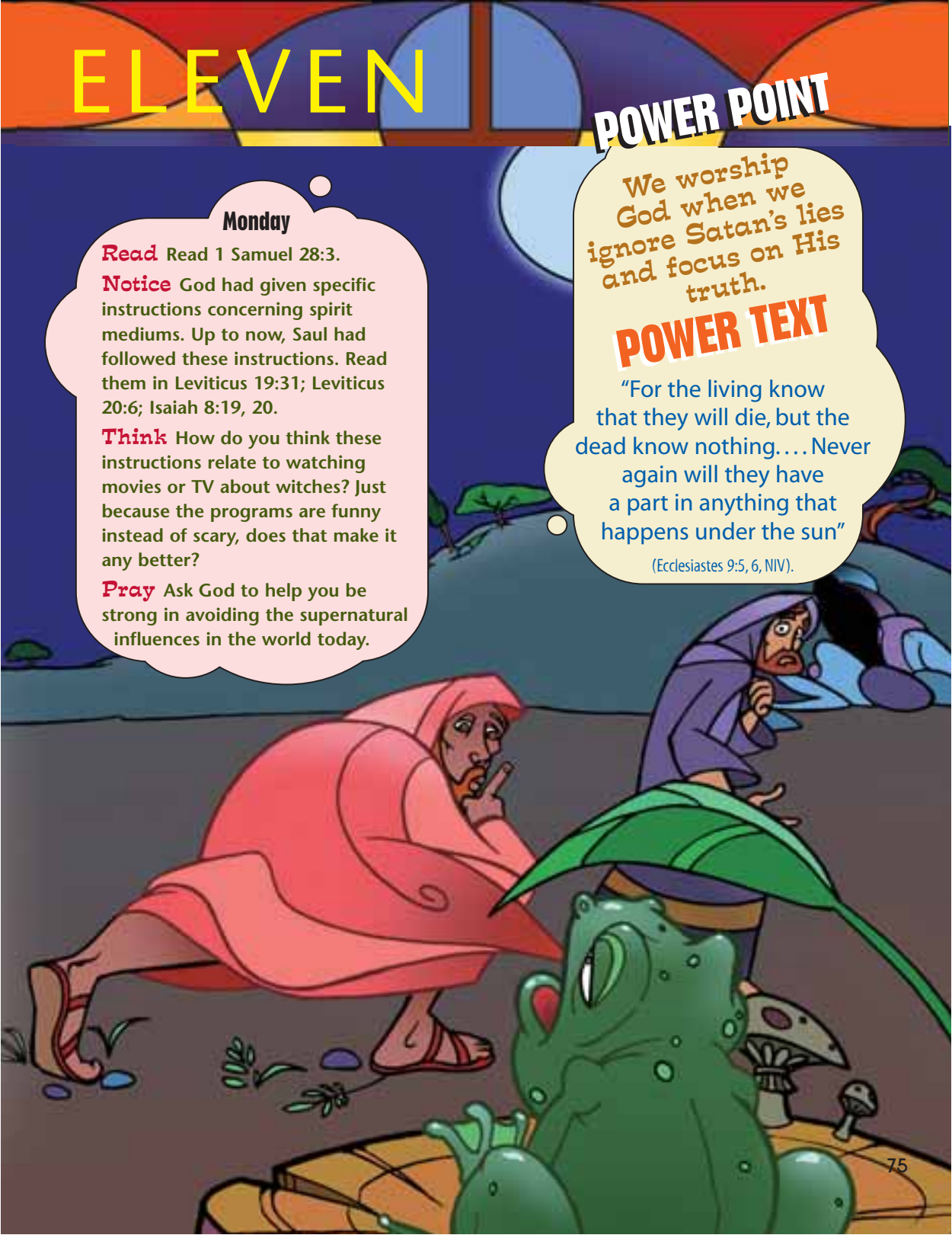
Pray Ask God to help you be strong in avoiding the supernatural influences in the world today.

We worship God when we ignore Satan's lies and focus on His truth.

POWER TEXT

"For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing.... Never again will they have a part in anything that happens under the sun"

(Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, NIV).



She thought her hiding place was secure, yet these men have found her. As soon as she sees one of them a shiver runs down her spine. Tall, commanding, this is no ordinary soldier standing before her. "What do you want?" she asks.

"I want you to consult a spirit for me," the tall one says, his deep voice cracking. "Bring up for me the one I name."

"Why do you ask me to do this? Don't you know that King Saul has expelled all the spirit mediums from Israel?"

Their eyes meet. She sees his terror. "I could be killed for doing this," she says.

"As surely as the Lord God lives, I swear that you will not be harmed for doing this."

"Whom do you want?" she asks.

"Samuel." At the mention of the dead prophet of God, she shudders.

Looking at her guests, her eyes narrow. She stares at the tall one again, then closes her eyes and spreads her hands out on the table before her. Swaying back and forth, she begins the incantation.

Tuesday

Read Read 1 Samuel 28:4-9.

Think Why do you think God no longer answered Saul? (Verse 16 has a hint.)

Notice Many people today are concerned about the future. Why do you think people want to know their future?

Observe What things or people are available where you live that claim to tell the future? Who is the mastermind behind these things? Why is it dangerous to consult such people or things?

Pray Ask God to give you peace of mind about your future.



The witch throws something into the fire, and it spits and crackles. "Ee-e-e-k," she screams. The three men jump. "You tricked me." She points a shaking hand at the tall one. "You tricked me. You are King Saul!"

"Don't be afraid," King Saul says. "What do you see?"

"A spirit," she answers, "coming up from the ground."

Wednesday

Read Read 1 Samuel 28:10-15.

Think How do you think the woman knew this was Saul? What should Saul have known about the spirit that appeared to him? Read Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6; Psalm 146:4; John 8:44. How could this information have helped Saul? How can this information help you?

Pray Pray that your life will be a powerful testimony that you are a follower of Jesus.

Thursday

Read Read 1 Samuel 28:16-19.

Do On small slips of paper, write as many words as you can that describe how a person is when dead (sleeping, quiet, cold). On the other side of each slip of paper write words that describe how the Christians will be when Jesus comes (awake, happy, rising up).

Pray Thank God that He has arranged for you and your family and friends to be able to go to heaven together.

"What does he look like?"

"An old man wearing a robe."

"It is him!" Saul is desperate to believe that he will get some answers. A cloudy shadow rises from the smoke of the fire. Saul falls on his

face before the apparition as if in worship.

The demon Satan has sent to impersonate Samuel looks like Samuel.

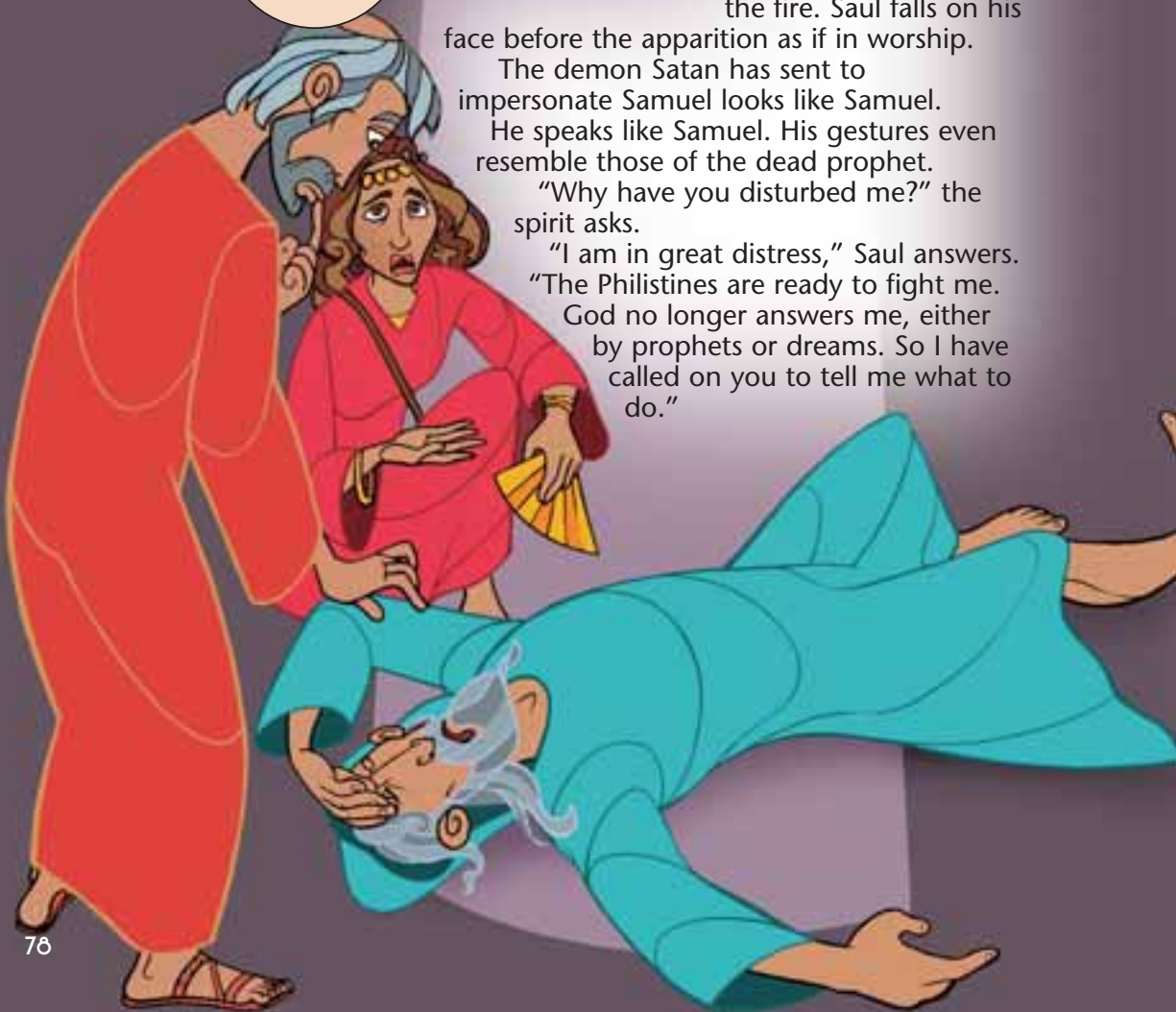
He speaks like Samuel. His gestures even resemble those of the dead prophet.

"Why have you disturbed me?" the spirit asks.

"I am in great distress," Saul answers.

"The Philistines are ready to fight me.

God no longer answers me, either by prophets or dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do."



Friday

Read Read 1 Samuel 28:20-25.

Rejoice God has already conquered Satan.

Worship With your family at worship read Revelation 20:7-9 and discuss what Satan's fate will be because God is more powerful than Satan.

Pray Praise God together that He has overcome the devil, and ask for His strength to resist the temptations and clever devices of Satan that are all around us.

"Why do you consult me if the Lord will not answer you? Because you have rejected the Lord your God, He will hand the army of Israel over to the Philistines. Tomorrow you and your sons will be with me." With this, the apparition vanishes in one poof.

"Ah-h-h-h-h," Saul screams, falling on the damp floor of the cave. The witch rushes to him. "Sir, get up. Please." Saul does not respond.

His attendants lift him from the floor. Even though he is the king, they slap his cheeks trying to revive him. "Sir. Your Honor," they call. Saul's eyelids flutter open.

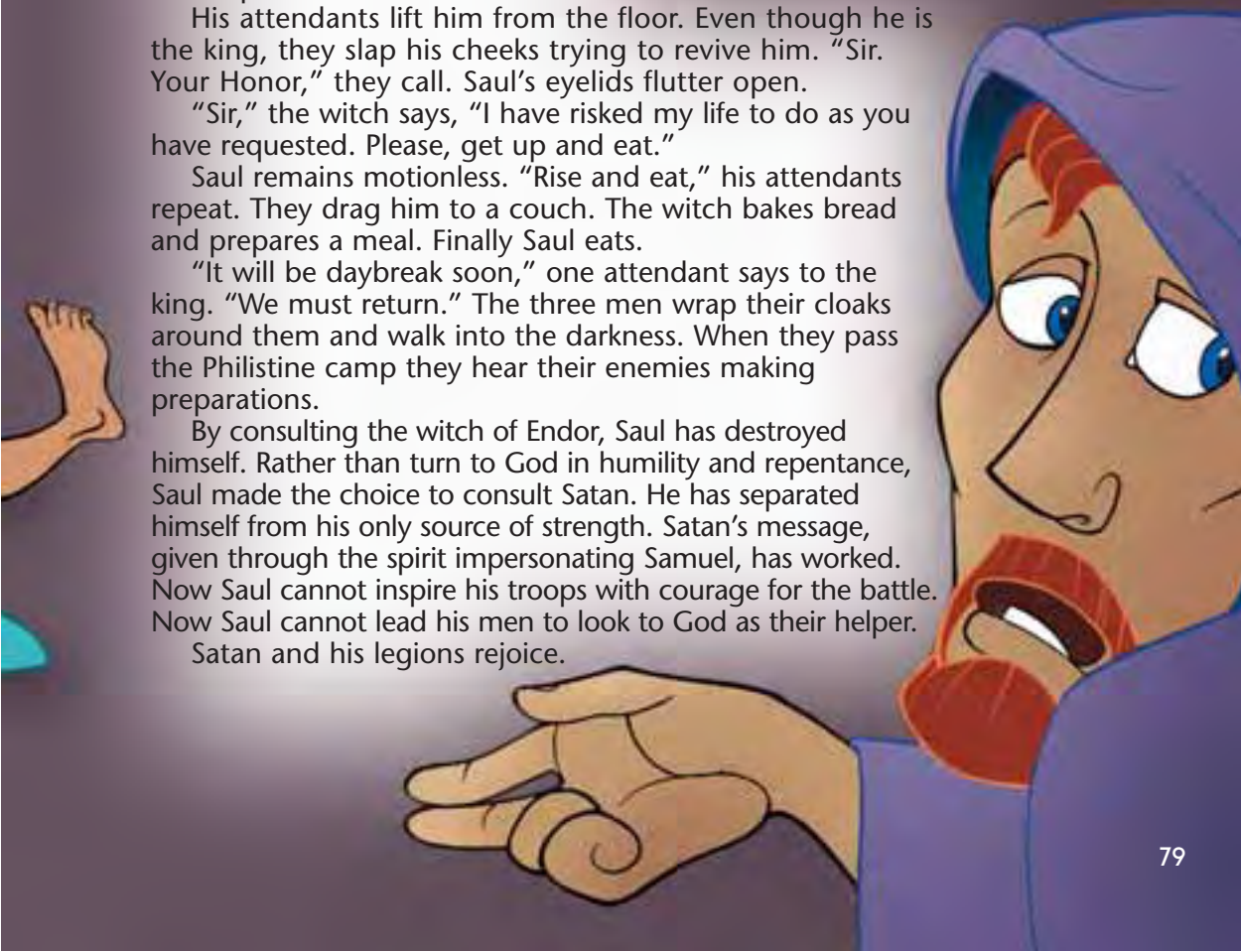
"Sir," the witch says, "I have risked my life to do as you have requested. Please, get up and eat."

Saul remains motionless. "Rise and eat," his attendants repeat. They drag him to a couch. The witch bakes bread and prepares a meal. Finally Saul eats.

"It will be daybreak soon," one attendant says to the king. "We must return." The three men wrap their cloaks around them and walk into the darkness. When they pass the Philistine camp they hear their enemies making preparations.

By consulting the witch of Endor, Saul has destroyed himself. Rather than turn to God in humility and repentance, Saul made the choice to consult Satan. He has separated himself from his only source of strength. Satan's message, given through the spirit impersonating Samuel, has worked. Now Saul cannot inspire his troops with courage for the battle. Now Saul cannot lead his men to look to God as their helper.

Satan and his legions rejoice.



Keep No Evil

Instructions: Find each word in **bold** in the Bible verse below. The words twist and turn (either forward, backward, upward, downward, or diagonally) and most do not follow a straight line. If the word appears more than once in the verse, then you need to find it more than once in the puzzle.

"Let no one be **found** among you who **sacrifices** his **son** or **daughter** in the **fire**, who **practices** divination or **sorcery**, **interprets** omens, **engages** in **witchcraft**, or **casts** spells, or who is a **medium** or **spiritist** or who **consults** the **dead**" (Deuteronomy 18: 10, 11, NIV).

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Keep Me Pure, Lord

Instructions: Can you fill in the words from this Bible verse into the grid? Ignore one-letter words. Do not fit one word inside another.

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10, NIV).

